

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: July 27, 2005

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

Subject: **REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29,
2005.**

A meeting of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. Commissioners in attendance: Matti Herrera Bower, Saul Gross, and Richard L. Steinberg. City staff in attendance: Robert Parcher, City Clerk; Max Sklar, Director – Tourism and Cultural Development; Jorge Gomez, Director – Planning Dept.; Jimmy McMillion, Special Projects Coordinator – Neighborhood Services Dept.; Raul Aguila, First Assistant City Attorney; Eric Yuhr, Assistant Fire Chief; Jorge Chartrand, Acting Director – CIP; John Heffernan, Margarita Alcon, Esther Rodriguez, Dolores Mejia, of the Office of the Mayor and Commission, and Randi MacBride, Neighborhood Services Dept. Others in attendance are listed in the attached sign-in sheet.

1. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STREETScape OF MERIDIAN AVENUE PORTION OF THE BASIS OF DESIGN REPORT (BODR) FOR THE MULTI-PURPOSE MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY.**

A presentation by the firm of Perkins & Will was made outlining the concept regarding the streetscape of the Meridian Avenue segment of this project including on-street parking, walkways, traffic flow, and bike path options. Previously, the City Commission had approved the BODR for the multi-purpose parking facility.

Action: The Committee moved to study locating the bike paths on Convention Center Drive instead of Meridian Avenue and recommended to Jorge Chartrand, Acting Director – CIP, that the rest of the project move forward as presented.

2. **DISCUSSION REGARDING A REQUEST BY THE WOLFSONIAN, A MUSEUM OF FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, TO INCREASE FLOOR AREA RATIO PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 1.03(C).**

Action: The Committee moved the item come back to the next meeting of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee. The Committee asked the Wolfsonian to include in its next presentation a massing representation of the existing structure and the potential project. Additionally, the legal department was directed to provide information regarding concerns brought up during the meeting including the possible setting of a precedent with the suggested ordinance, spot zoning, recommended wording of the ballot and zoning ordinance. In the event that this committee is unable to meet in August, the item is to go directly to the September 8, 2005 meeting of the full City Commission.

Agenda Item C6A
Date 7-27-05

3. **DISCUSSION REGARDING EARLY VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 1, 2005 GENERAL ELECTION.**

Discussion was held regarding the dates and hours for early voting for the upcoming general election scheduled for November 1, 2005 and the possible run-off election scheduled for November 15, 2005.

Action: The Committee moved to hold early voting at City Hall for both the general election and the run-off election, if one is necessary. The general election dates will be the Monday through Sunday just prior to the November 1 regular voting day and the run-off dates will be the Saturday and Sunday just prior to the November 15 actual run-off election date. The hours for all early voting dates scheduled will be from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY'S TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

(Discussion item only, no action required by the Committee)

Max Sklar provided a report of the administration and current funding of the scholarship program.

Action: There was no action taken by the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **DISCUSSION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE TO AMEND THE NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING PROPOSALS AND REQUESTS FOR MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS.**

Action: The Committee moved to make no changes in the current process for monuments and memorials.

6. **DISCUSSION REGARDING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.**

Action: The Committee moved to bring this item to a meeting of the full City Commission.

Attachments

JMG/RCM/~~VP~~G/rfm



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NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

JUNE 29, 2005

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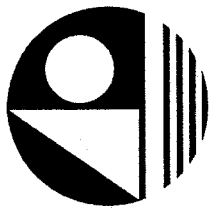
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Esther Rodriguez	" "	7030	7096
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Paul Cgrill	City Attorney		
Lucy M. y. M.	Neighborhood Services		
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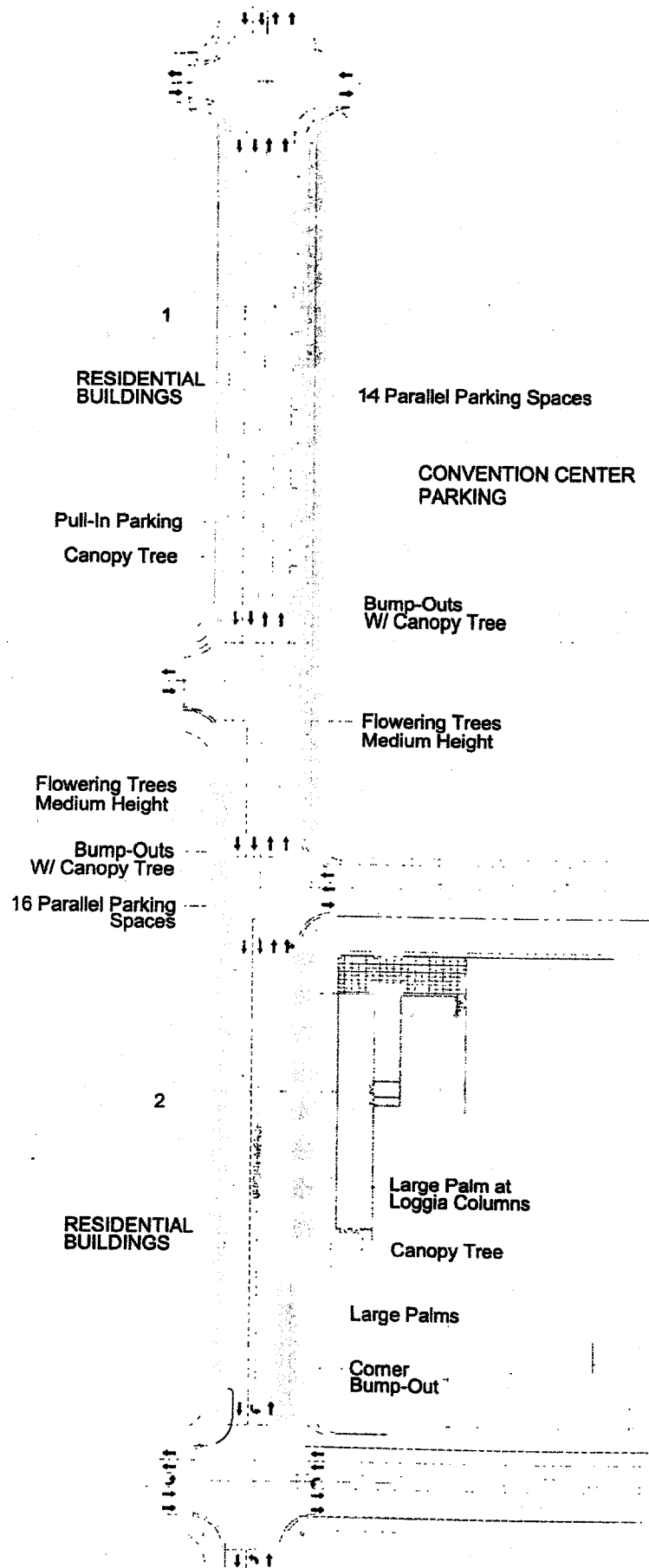
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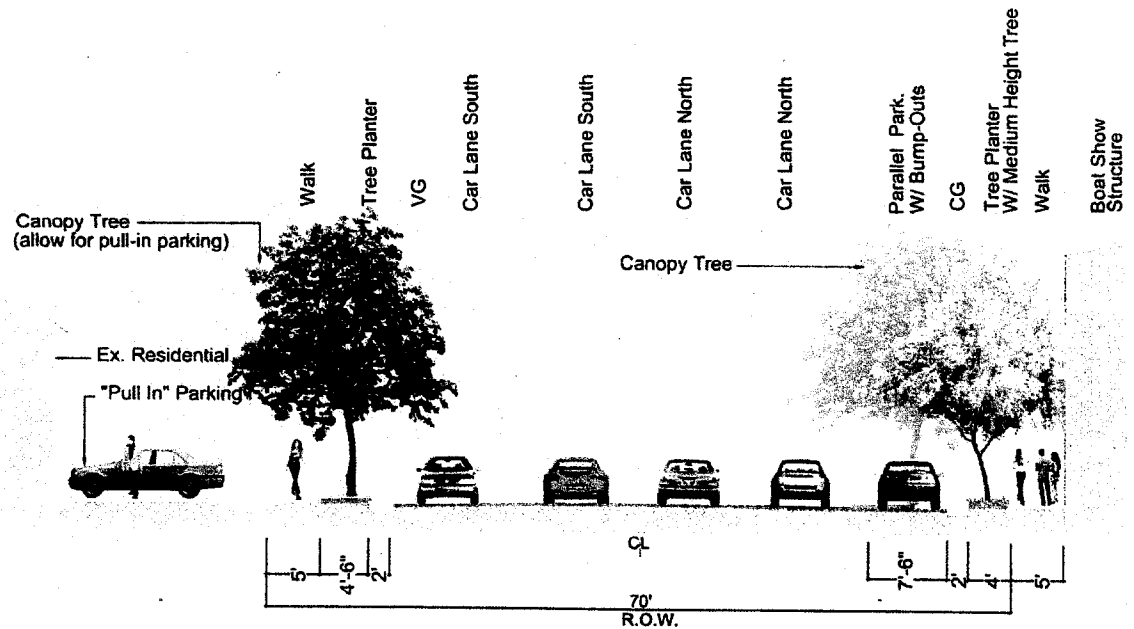
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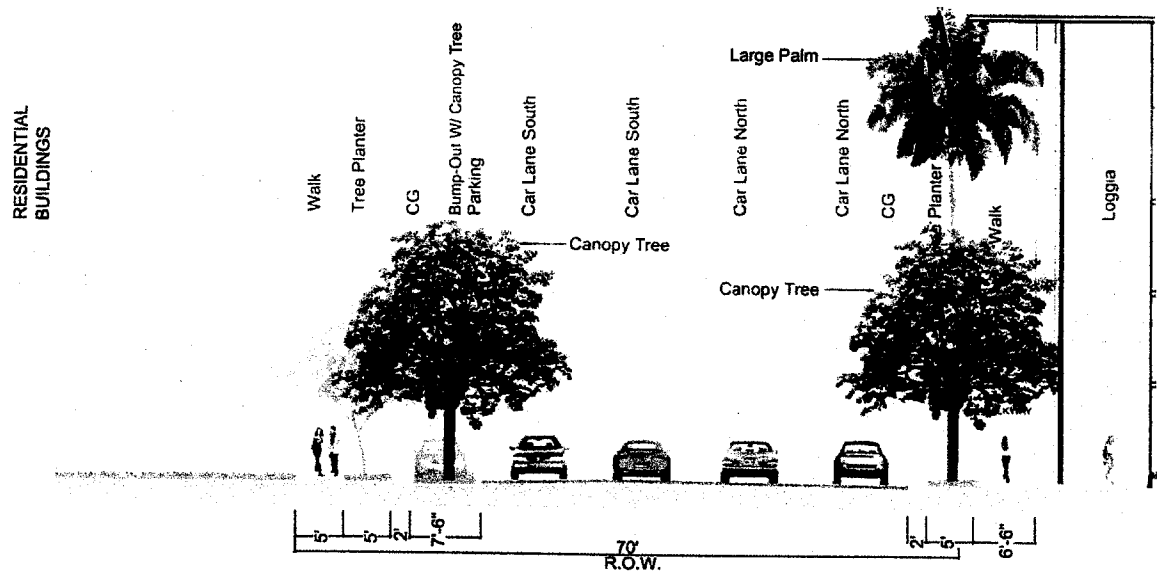


City of Miami Beach
Multi-Purpose Parking Facility and Building
Basis of Design Report

b. Preferred Streetscape Option Plans and Sections



1 TYPICAL STREET SECTION / 18th - 19th STREET
4 Lanes, 1 Parking, Widen Walkways, Add Planters



2 TYPICAL STREET SECTION / 17th - 18th STREET
4 Lanes, 1 Parking, Widen Walkways, Add Planters

EXPANDING CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Should the Wolfsonian, a museum of Florida International University, in order to expand its cultural and educational facilities, be permitted a floor area ratio of 3.5 on property it owns or will acquire for the purpose of such expansion?

Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee
Wednesday, June 29, 2005

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Discussion regarding early voting for the November 1, 2005 General Election and November 15, 2005 Runoff Election, if one is required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Miami-Dade County Elections has advised the City Clerk's office to project a cost of \$1,500 per day for each early voting site. In the past, Miami Beach City Hall was the only early voting site for the City's General Election.
2. 2003 early voting was for 6 days beginning on a Monday, and ending on a Saturday.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – 12 noon until 7 p.m. (7 hours)
Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m until 4 p.m. (7 hours)
Saturday – 9 a.m until 7 p.m. (10 hours)
3. The cost for a 6 day early voting period is estimated to be about \$9,000, plus the overtime for Saturday.
4. November 2003 General Election voting statistics:
Votronic 5,939 or 89.5%
Absentee 383 or 5.8%
Early Voting 309 or 4.7%
Total 6,631
5. Regarding the Miami-Dade County petition drives to change Miami-Dade County form of government and the manner of approving procurement contracts, the Miami-Dade County Elections Department has advised that they are presently verifying signatures and will not know if significant signatures were obtained to call a special election until late July or early August.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Does the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee wish to recommend early voting for the:
A. General Election?
B. Runoff Election? (FYI -In 2003, there was no early voting for the Runoff Election)
2. If yes for the General Election:
A. How many days in advance?
B. Hours of operation?
3. If yes for the Runoff Election, only Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13 are possible.

Parcher, Robert

From: Acosta-Thatcher, Alicia (Elections) [soeaat@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2005 8:36 PM
To: Parcher, Robert
Subject: FW: Miami Beach Estimated Costs

Bob,
 See information below regarding Early Voting services and charges.

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 Assistant Supervisor of Elections/Operations
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-----Original Message-----

From: Mendez, John (Elections)
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2005 2:12 PM
To: Acosta-Thatcher, Alicia (Elections); Saboya, Maria (Elections)
Cc: Sola, Lester (Elections); Townsley, Penelope (Elections); Korman, Ivy (Elections)
Subject: RE: Miami Beach Estimated Costs

Alicia,
 The estimated cost for early voting that we typically use is \$1,500 per day for each site. Attached is a breakdown prepared by Miriam Rivero (thanks Miriam) of the daily cost. The total cost in the spreadsheet shows the cost at \$871 per eight day for each site. However, that cost does not include fringe benefit amounts for MICA/FICA which is 7% above the hourly rate for seasonal employees; rental fee (if any) for the facility, custodial fees, or security charges (if any). Furthermore, the \$871 per day/site figure assumes a simple election with a low voter turnout requiring only a staff of eight (8) at the site. With additional early voting sites and days, the cost per site increases as other factors come into play such as staff overtime (over 8 hour days/40 hour week); roving supervisors and their transportation used to cover the early voting sites; and security costs will increase exponentially.

I hope this helps. Should you have any questions or need further clarification regarding this matter, I can be contacted at 305-499-8549 (office) or 305-972-8300 (mobile). Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Acosta-Thatcher, Alicia (Elections)
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2005 6:27 PM
To: Saboya, Maria (Elections); Mendez, John (Elections)
Cc: Sola, Lester (Elections); Townsley, Penelope (Elections); Korman, Ivy (Elections)
Subject: Miami Beach Estimated Costs

I spoke to Bob Parcher (City clerk) today. He plans to present to his City Commission the estimated costs of running the full 15 days of EV. From

5/5/2005

EARLY VOTING COST ESTIMATE

BREAKDOWN ESTIMATED COST FOR REGULAR SITE
8 PEOPLE (1 CLERK, 2 REGISTRARS, 2 DATA ENTRY, 1 ACT/DEM,
1 ES/ACT AND 1 DEPUTY)

# SITES	CLERKS PER SITE	EV STAFF PER SITE	STAND-BY PER SITE	TOTAL PER SITE FOR 8 HOUR DAY
1 SITE	1	7	1	\$870.58
				TOTAL

BASED ON SEASONAL PERSONAL @ RT \$11.36 PER HOUR EXCEPT FOR 1 CLERK WHO IS PAID RT \$11.93 PER HOUR (BENEFITS NOT FACTORED IN).

Parcher, Robert

RUNOFF ELECTION

From: Sola, Lester (Elections) [SOLAL@miamidade.gov]
 Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2005 10:05 AM
 To: Parcher, Robert
 Subject: Re: Early Voting - Miami Beach

* [Yes, we would do it on Saturday and Sunday. We can explore the possibility of doing it also on Friday but your cost are going to soar due to the holiday.

Lester Sola
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 CC: IKORELE@miamidade.gov <IKORELE@miamidade.gov>; COOP2@miamidade.gov <COOP2@miamidade.gov>; soeaat@miamidade.gov <soeaat@miamidade.gov>
 Sent: Sat Jun 04 06:16:14 2005
 Subject: Re: Early Voting - Miami Beach

Regarding a Miami Beach Runoff, if one is necessary, and early voting, Friday, Nov 11 is a holiday. From your email I understand that Saturday, Nov 12 and Sunday, Nov. 13 could be early voting date.

Please confirm.

Thanks all. Bob

Robert Parcher
 City of Miami Beach
 City Clerk

-----Original Message-----

From: Sola, Lester (Elections) <SOLAL@miamidade.gov>
 To: Parcher, Robert <RobertParcher@miamibeachfl.gov>
 CC: Korman, Ivy (Elections) <IKORELE@miamidade.gov>; Townsley, Penelope (Elections) <COOP2@miamidade.gov>; Acosta-Thatcher, Alicia (Elections) <soeaat@miamidade.gov>
 Sent: Fri Jun 03 23:23:39 2005
 Subject: RE: Early Voting - Miami Beach

If you do early voting, we would request that you only have it during the weekend prior to the run-off. Please let me know if you need additional information.

From: Parcher, Robert [mailto:RobertParcher@miamibeachfl.gov]
 Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2005 3:08 PM
 To: Sola, Lester (Elections)